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## **IL 19 / Irving Park Road to Close Immediately** *Bensenville and O'Hare Traffic Affected*

**CHICAGO** – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that Illinois 19 (Irving Park Road) between York Road and South Access Road will be closed immediately. A large number of trucks have ignored a posted truck detour. The new railroad bridge over the roadway has been struck by over-height trucks multiple times since the road reopened yesterday evening. In order to address this serious safety issue, the road must be closed to all traffic.

Traffic will be affected in the following manner:

- Eastbound and westbound IL 19 will be closed to all traffic between York Rd and South Access Road, just east of York Rd., immediately.
- The roadway will reopened in approximately 4 months after the new railroad bridge is put in service.
- A detour will be posted during this closure.
- South Access Road will remain open to O'Hare Airport cargo deliveries during the closure and accessible via the detour route.

The following posted detour routes will be in effect for the full roadway closure:

- Eastbound IL 19 traffic will turn north on to York Rd./Elmhurst Rd., east on IL Rte 72 (Touhy Ave), east on to IL72 (Higgins Rd), south on US Rte. 12/45/Mannheim Rd.
- Westbound IL 19 traffic will turn north on to US Route 12/45/Mannheim Rd., west on IL72/Higgins Rd., west on IL 72/Touhy Ave, south on Elmhurst Rd./York Rd.

The entire railroad flyover project, which kicked off in February 2013, also includes the reconstruction of the intersection of Irving Park Road and York Road, which respectively carry 37,000 vehicles and 28,000 vehicles each day. An average of 25 freight trains pass through the crossing each day, delaying 6,400 vehicles and costing motorists 1,500 daily hours of delays that will be eliminated as a result of this project. The project is in conjunction with the Village of Bensenville, DuPage County, the City of Chicago's O'Hare Modernization Program, the Canadian Pacific Railroad and Metra.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1 at <http://goo.gl/upgvZu>. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at [www.travelmidwest.com](http://www.travelmidwest.com).

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